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For: COMPOSITIONS FOR IMPROVING LIPID  
METABOLISM

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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated August 15, 2006, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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